(b) whether the expert team has visited Nigeria and submitted is reports; and

(c) if so, what are its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFRE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India has been asked once again to consider the question of recognition of Nigerian Medical Degrees without visiting Nigeria in view of the financial constraints. It is been reported by the council that the matter would be considered by its Executive Committee shortly and will report its decision to the Central Government.

Air Traffic to and fro Tripura

2710. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of passengers who travelled to and fro, different places in Tripura by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot flights during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount of the revenue earned; and

(c) what was the net profit earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VOHRA): (a) to (c) In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned the details regarding number of passengers to and for different places of Tripura, revenue earned and net profit earned, during the last three years are as follows:—

No. of Passengers	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Agartala/Calcutta	136659	158251	158146
Agartala/Gauhati	27372	28418	33954
Agartala/Silchar	11265	12924	13255
Agartala/Imphal	..	116	3
Revenue earned (*in crores of Rs.*)	4.22	5.65	6.63 (provisional)
Deffcit (*in crores of Rs.*)	2.12	2.32	2.98

As regards Vayudoot, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Inquiry into Air India's Operation from Sydney

2711. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered an inquiry into Air India's operations from Sydney where it has been disclosed that the flights were deliberately over-loaded;

(b) whether it is a fact that the final report of the Australian Department of Transportation had stated that Air-India made a serious endeavour to remove evidence;

(c) the number of reminders by Australian Government which were served to the Government of India for conducting such an inquiry and the reasons for which these were ignored; and